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## FOR GRAND MASTER.

HON. E. H. DEAS NOMINATES  
MR. JACOB E. REED.

His Remarkable Record as Grand  
Treasurer of The Odd Fellows of  
America—A Financier and Organiz-  
er of Rare Resourcefulness—The  
Logical Successor to Mr. Morris.

The following letter is self-explanatory:

Darlington, S. C., June 20, 1902.

EDITOR THE COLORED AMERICAN:

On the first Tuesday in October of this year the B. M. C. of the G. U. O. of O. F. will meet in New Haven, Conn., and all the grand offices are to be filled. The present Grand Master, Hon. E. H. Morris, will then have completed his second term and another will be elected. There will doubtless be a number of splendid men, candidates for the highest offices within the gift of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, of this country, but only one can be successful. Grand Treasurer Reed's many years' connection with the Order, and long, faithful, exceptionally successful and satisfactory work for it in the many subordinate positions he has held, in my judgment at least, makes him peculiarly eligible to the elevation, and I recommend him in the strongest possible manner to the members of the Order generally. If long years of unselfish and thoroughly satisfactory devotion to the interests of Odd Fellowship count for anything, Mr. Reed will be the next Grand Master of the G. U. O. of O. F. of America. We sincerely trust and believe it will be. I shall do all in my power to help bring it about. He has been Grand Treasurer of the Order for the past four years, filling the position most creditably to himself and the organization.

EDMUND H. DEAS.

Mr. Jacob E. Reed, of whom Mr. Deas speaks in such glowing terms, as a man and an official, was born in Harrisburg, Pa., in 1852. In 1876 he located in Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1878 became a member of Charles Sumner Lodge, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. He has served in every position in the subordinate lodge and every one except that of Secretary in Ohio District lodge, being the only one to be elected Grand Master of the body for three consecutive terms (of one year each). When first elected Ohio District lodge was \$800 in debt. At the expiration of Mr. Reed's third term, the District lodge was not only out of debt, but there was a handsome cash balance in the treasury. He was elected Grand Treasurer in 1898 at St. Louis, Mo., and re-elected by acclamation last week at the B. M. C. meeting held in Louisville, Ky. Mr. Reed is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of King Solomon's Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is the junior member of one of our leading firms, Reitz & Reed, dealers in



HON. J. E. REED, Cleveland, Ohio.

fish, oysters, etc., in the largest market house of Cleveland, and has a wife who has been of great assistance to him throughout his career as a fraternal Order man. Mr. Reed has always been an earnest, loyal, aggressive worker and is of a genial disposition. This accounts largely for the splendid success he has met with and which is a matter of great pride, not only to Mr. and Mrs. Reed, but also to their host of friends at home and elsewhere in the country. The election of Mr. Reed as Grand Master would be eminently satisfactory to the craft in Washington, where he is well and favorably known by the rank and file of her 28 lodges.

Printed as Current Comment.

Iba, Zambales,

Luzon Island, May 21, 1902.

EDITOR COLORED AMERICAN:

I am pained to see your excellent paper giving circulation to such vulgar quotations from the Denver Times-Speaker as appeared in your issue of April 5th.

Your paper enters the homes of decent, well-bred people, and to such it can be no pleasure to see bishops of the church spoken of in such coarse terms. Some things are fit and some

things are unfit. Bad manners can never serve any good cause.

It is not in accord with the policy of your paper to encourage such ill-bred and unworthy efforts. Such things are simply not fit to print.

Very respectfully,

T. G. STEWARD,

Chaplain 25th Infantry.

The matters referred to are printed by The Colored American as current comment, and without prejudice. There are two sides to every controversy, and the wider the publicity given an unjust attack from any source the more speedily will the truth be discovered. Whenever a newspaper makes an open assault upon priest or layman the accused and the friends should be glad to learn the nature of the charge and the individuals behind it, to the end that systematic steps for redress may be taken. We are too good a supporter of the A. M. E. Church and its leaders not to give them an opportunity to reply to criticisms from a quarter that might be taken seriously by the unthinking.—Editor.

ALL THE REST FOLLOW.

THE COLORED AMERICAN leads—all the rest follow.—Tribune Press Pueblo, Colorado.

## HOPE FOR THE NEGRO.

MR. SCHEELER REVIEWS ONE  
THIRD OF A CENTURY.

Marvelous Progress in Spite of Ob-  
stacles—Developing a Competent  
Leadership and an Educated Minis-  
try—Washington and Withrow as  
Beacon Lights

Perspective is essential to the proper appreciation of the magnitude of a race, an individual or a physical object. Frequently each are inaccurately measured or the comprehension of their scope is limited because the range is too close for clear vision. The Pyramids, the dome of St. Peter's and the rushing Niagara do not appear nearly so high, nor so great, to one who dwells within their boundaries as to him who stands afar off and sees their outlines pictured against the sky, and takes note of their relation to other objects that are naturally brought into comparison.

The Negro people often err in passing judgment upon themselves—some may be too optimistic, others too pessimistic, because of a local coloring that blinds us to a broader contemplation of our strengths or weaknesses. The range is too short. So, it is well that we occasionally invite testimony from our neighbor across the racial line, the Caucasian. A fair-minded white man, who will frankly tell the Negro the truth—"naught extenuate nor set down aught in malice"—renders us a service, the value of which cannot be computed in dollars and cents. In Staunton, Va., there is such a man—a student of current social tendencies, an impartial surveyor of governments, law, history and people. He is Mr. H. F. Scheele, a practicing attorney, and we are pleased to be able to present an article from his pen, reciting the progress of the Negro during one-third of a century, illustrating that progress by a typical representative of the best within our ranks in the person of Rev. Chauncey I. Withrow, also of Staunton. This estimate can be trusted. Mr. Scheele's article is as follows:

ONE-THIRD OF A CENTURY.

Human enlightenment and elevation, and the improvement of the moral, civic, social, and economic conditions of a people or race are accomplished only with the passing of the centuries. Not by swiftly bounding leaps, but by inches, does mankind advance; and every inch representing the struggles, and toils, and sacrifices, and prayers of whole generations of the heroic dead. The seed of such improvements are sown by one generation, the harvest is reaped by the generations that come after. Thus it is that we have come at the opening of the Twentieth Century to the lofty eminence on which we stand; and of which we are, perhaps, less thankful than we are boastful. We stand on the shoulders of all the past generations, and our

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